

SALEM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

(PZC)

REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2012

7:00

Present: K. Buckley, R. Amato, R. Savalle, W. Volberg, V. Smith, G. Walter (arrived at 7:05), G. Fogarty, Alt, M. Chinatti, Town Planner/ZEO,

Absent: D. Bingham, H. Green Alt, M. Darling, Alt

Guests See File Copy, no guests signed in.

CALL TO ORDER: K. Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:02. She introduced the members present.

G. Fogarty was seated for D. Bingham.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PETITIONERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 209 Rattlesnake Ledge Road Status

M. Chinatti stated the issue before the Commission is whether to send a letter to the owners of 209 Rattlesnake Ledge Road asking them to restore the property or submit an application and to ascertain the status of the bond.

Attorney Steve Byrne gave the members packets to aid them in making their decision. (See File Copy)

Attorney Byrne stated that it is the property that is bonded and ultimately it is the property owner that is responsible for updating the bond and bonding the property.

Attorney Byrne stated it would be appropriate to contact the insurer to ask about the status of the bond as the Town is a party to the bond agreement.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of sending a letter to the land owner's attorney.

The Commission discussed the phases of the quarry and what would be required as far as the restoration of phase I if the owner were to submit an application.

The question of abandonment of the quarry operation was discussed and how long does the site have to sit dormant in order for the operation to be deemed abandoned. The members discussed time frames where it might warrant a letter asking for restoration based on how long the site was dormant/abandoned.

The Commission discussed the safety of the operation as it exists without an active operation. Some members worried about kids getting into the site and the danger that would pose.

Attorney Byrne stated that Stan Lucas, attorney for the property owner, stated to him the Commission should expect an application soon.

The Commission decided to have Attorney Byrne contact the bonding company inquiring about the status of the bond. Once the status was determined, they would decide how to go forward.

NEW BUSINESS-None

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT/INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S): NA

PLUS/DELTAS: The positive and negative aspects of the meeting were discussed. The members would like to possibly amend or eliminate parts of the Planning and Zoning Regulations and would like to review the regulations in the coming months.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Smith/Volberg) to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

Unapproved